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In re Application of:

Application No.:	**10/684,462**	**Examiner:**	**J. L. Perrin**
Filing Date:	**October 15, 2003**	**Art Unit:**	**1746**
First Inventor:	**H. YABUUCHI**	**Customer No.:**	**23364**
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For:	**Washing And Drying Machine**		

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the restriction notice dated July 28, 2006 in the above application.